

Maranatha Men's Training Camp

Abounding Grace

Romans: Becoming a Man of God

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Men of America, This is Your Wake-Up Call

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan... ...Proverbs 29:2

MAIN POINT

"We have 2 Options before us as a Nation: Judgment or Revival". ...Greg Laurie

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ..."

...Patrick Henry

How are we to live as Christians in America?

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16, 2Timothy 3:13

1. Some people think they can evade the culture altogether...Isolation.

Scripture: John 17:15-16, 18, 1Corinthians 5:9-10

"Jesus has not called us to Isolate, He has called us to Infiltrate".

"We're Paratroopers...we're suppose to be surrounded"

2. Others will embrace all that Culture offers without reservation.

"To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian" ...George Washington (1st US President)

"Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ!" ...James Madison (4th US President)

"The very freedom many use to try to remove faith from our country is here because of faith!"

*"When a man stops believing in God, he doesn't then believe in nothing...he believes in anything"
...TK Chesterton*

So what should we do?

1. We must stand for Truth, whether it's popular or not.

Scripture: Romans 3:4, 1Peter 3:1

"This is a time to advance, not retreat!"

2. We must speak in a language people understand.

Scripture: 1Corinthians 9:22-23, Acts 17:22-23

3. We need to bring them the message of the gospel.

Scripture: 2Corinthians 2:14-15

4. Before I can effectively tell them, I must live it!

Scripture: Matthew 5:13, 2Thessalonians 2:7-8, Matthew 5:14-16, John 3:19

~We are to be Salt! ...Salt Preserves. Salt stimulates thirst.

~We are to be Light! ...Light works openly! Light exposes darkness...and shows a way out of the darkness!

FROM THE WORD

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What stood out or spoke to you from tonight's study?
2. How do we stimulate a thirst for Jesus Christ, in the lives of other people?
3. What are some of the characteristics of salt, and of light? How are they different? *...Share it with your Group*
4. What kind of world would we live in today if every Christian behaved Just Like You?
What kind of general opinion would people have of Christianity, if you were it's sole representative?
5. In tonight's message, 3 specific things were identified that we, as Christian men, need to do. Talk about each one, and how it can be applied to your life today...
 1. We need to infiltrate, not isolate.
 2. We need to Pray *...2Chronicles 7:14 (directed to Believers) ...the Bible starts with YOU!*
 3. We need to preach this message to others...the gospel!

PLAN OF ACTION

What did you learn from this study and tonight's discussion that you can apply to your life this week?

Discuss your answer with your group...

1. What was most useful for you about this study?
2. What personal application or idea has God given you from this study? *...Share it with your Group*

READING
PLAN

Wednesday: 1Peter 1:1-25
Thursday: 1Peter 2:1-25
Friday: 1Peter 3:1-22

Saturday: 1Peter 4:1-19
Sunday: 1Peter 5:1-14
Monday: Matthew 5:13-16

MEMORY
VERSE

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" ...1Peter 3:15 (ESV)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)